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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,723,845
AB United States Patent No. 5,279,290
AL United Kingdom Application 23 60 922
AM German OS 198 20 698

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present application (Reference AB corresponds to German OS 42 06 284), and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

German OS 42 06 284 (corresponding to Reference AB), together with Reference AL, were also cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

An English translation of Reference AM is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto, in addition to the aforementioned statements in the specification.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

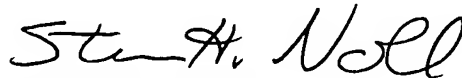
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